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ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE: CASE RATE AND VACCINATION STATISTICS

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that 12,285 Allegany County residents have received at least their first dose of vaccine against COVID-19 (17.4% of the population), with 8,370 of those individuals now fully vaccinated with their second dose (11.9% of the population). By comparison, the state reported that 18.6% of all Marylanders had received at least their first dose of vaccine, with 10.1% now fully vaccinated.

Allegany County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of March 8:

- New COVID Cases: 7 (cumulative total 6,433)
- Additional Deaths: 1 (cumulative total 201)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 4.02 (*Maryland: 13.7*)
- Positivity Rate: 1.71% (*Maryland: 3.61%*)

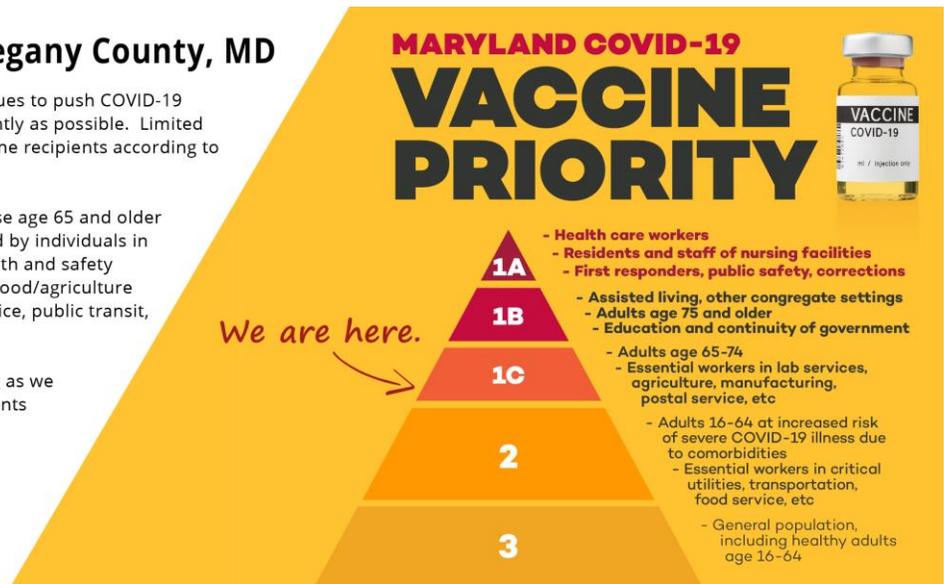
The health department continues to partner with UPMC Western Maryland to contact and schedule vaccination appointments for individuals who have completed the Vaccine Interest Form at health.maryland.gov/allegany. Each person on the list will be contacted when vaccine is available for them, but health officials continue to stress that this may take several weeks or more depending on factors such as age (vaccines are prioritized oldest to youngest) and whether an individual fits into one of the additional priority categories based on their job classification and other risk factors. Individuals who do not fit into priority groups as designated in the diagram below will have to wait longer to be contacted to get their vaccine so that those at the highest risk can receive the vaccine as quickly as possible. Supplies are still limited, but vaccines are being distributed as soon as they are received.

Vaccination Progress: Allegany County, MD

The Allegany County Health Department continues to push COVID-19 vaccines out to the public as quickly and efficiently as possible. Limited vaccine supplies require that we prioritize vaccine recipients according to the Governor's priority chart (at right).

We are now in Phase 1C, which begins with those age 65 and older (prioritized by age, oldest to youngest), followed by individuals in specific job categories: all remaining public health and safety workers, and essential workers in lab services, food/agriculture production, manufacturing, the U.S. Postal Service, public transit, and grocery stores.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work toward the goal of getting all of our residents vaccinated against COVID-19.



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